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**New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork
Therapy Examiners**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

_____	:	Administrative Action
IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
LICENSURE OF	:	CONSENT ORDER
	:	GRANTING LICENSURE
SIMONE S. EDWARDS	:	
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AS A MASSAGE AND BODYWORK	:	
THERAPIST	:	
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This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of the application of Simone S. Edwards for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist. Upon a review of the application and the criminal history background check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had indicated "no" in response to the application questions as to arrests or convictions, she had been convicted in 1995 for shoplifting and possession of marijuana, and in 1996

was convicted of theft by deception, an offense which related to monies wrongfully received from the State. Ms. Edwards was also arrested in 2007 on charges relating to trademark counterfeiting, but the charges were dismissed. Ms. Edwards claims that she did not indicate the arrests and convictions on her application because she did not understand the relevant question.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that she had been arrested and convicted, and thus she engaged in misrepresentation on her application in connection with her arrest and conviction history in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that granting the applicant's request for licensure is appropriate under the circumstances, and that the convictions occurred almost twenty years ago, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 26th DAY OF February, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00 is hereby imposed for the applicant's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be forwarded simultaneously with this signed Order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of the above penalty, and upon her demonstration that she has satisfied other licensure requirements, if she has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.

Simone S. Edwards
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